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Martirez and Malek Families “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” Episode to Air Nov. 9

ST. LOUIS – Ty Pennington and the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” design team assemble their week-long visit to St. Louis into one hour Sunday, Nov. 9, with an episode filmed at Emmanuel and Dawn Martirez’s home and Sam Malek’s coffee shop. The program airs from 7 to 8 p.m., Central Standard Time.

On Sept. 3, ABC Network’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” and construction companies Callier Thompson Shea and Consolidated Construction Group visited Shrewsbury, Mo. to give the Martirez family a safer home for their special-needs children. Ty, the designers and the construction team made an additional surprise door knock on Sept. 4 at Sam Malek’s Manchester, Mo. coffee shop, More Than Coffee, to make it more efficient, safe and ADA compliant for the benefit of his employees and the community.

“I think I can speak on behalf of the St. Louis community and say we are all extremely excited to see our hard work truly pay off for the Martirez and Malek families,” said John Shea, president of Callier Thompson Shea. “We cannot wait for the nation to witness the outpouring of charity exemplified from our partners in the building community and from the citizens of St. Louis to help individuals who are so giving to others,” added Dave Dunlap of Consolidated Construction Group.

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. The series is executive-produced by Anthony Dominici. David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The show airs Sundays (8:00-9:00 p.m. ET), on the ABC Television Network. The program is broadcast with Spanish subtitles via secondary closed captioning.

Dawn Martirez was a beloved and dedicated pediatric cancer nurse who cared for terminally ill children all her life, until after she and her husband, Emmanuel, had their daughter Elle and gave birth to twins, Evan and Alec. During the pregnancy, they discovered both boys had rare genetic conditions that would severely hinder their mental and physical capabilities.

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Evan has 9P minus and Alec suffers from Crouzon Syndrome. Both twins experience skeletal abnormalities that require extensive corrective facial and cranial surgeries, with Evan having physical handicaps and mental retardation and Alec being profoundly hearing impaired. Dawn stopped working as a nurse in order to take care of the twins full time. Their previous home's cramped narrow hallways, steep stairs, crumbling driveway and single, handicapped inaccessible bathroom posed great problems for them and slowed their development, until the show selected them for a complete home makeover.

Sam Malek was born in Cairo, Egypt, with cerebral palsy and defied all odds when he started breathing shortly after the doctors pronounced him to be a stillborn. This was the first of many miracles in the life of Malek as he is now a 44-year-old married father of two teenage sons and a business owner. Malek took out a second mortgage on his home in 2007 to purchase the drive-through coffee shop where his mission is to "help challenged people one cup at a time." He does so by employing handicapped individuals and letting customers help decide which charitable organization will be the recipient of the coffee shop's benevolence each month.

The design team for this episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" includes team leader Ty Pennington and designers Paige Hemmis, Ed Sanders, Eduardo Xol and John Littlefield.

In 2004, John Shea, CGR, well known as Mr. Fix It on radio's 550 KTRS (Inside Out Show), joined forces with Callier & Thompson Kitchen and Baths and became president of Callier Thompson Shea Construction & Design, LLC. Callier Thompson Shea brings the right professionals together to fit each design build project, whether it be a bathroom or a whole house renovation. Shea's 32 years of construction experience, coupled with Callier Thompson Kitchen & Baths, gives clients the personalized service and expertise they need from design through construction, delivered on time and within budget. Since its inception, Callier Thompson Shea has been awarded two Homer Awards for Outstanding Addition and Whole House Renovation. The company also was awarded the HBA's Remodeler of the Year in 2007.

Consolidated Construction Group is a nationally recognized, award-winning design-build remodeling firm. Consolidated is the most consistently recognized remodeling firm in St. Louis and recently won its 23<sup>rd</sup> Homer Award for innovative design and expert craftsmanship. It was ranked among the "101 Best Companies to Work For" by Professional Remodeler, Professional Builder, Luxury Home Builder and Housing Zone magazine; ranked highest in homeowner satisfaction among all remodelers nationwide, according to NRS Corp.'s National Homeowner Satisfaction Study; and was inducted into Remodeling magazine's Big 50 Hall of Fame in 1990.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as the Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its sixth season on ABC. The program is produced by

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More Than Coffee is located at 14240 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63021.